

Appl. No. 09/877,984
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-7. These sheets, which include Figures 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, replaces the original sheets including the same figures. In Figures 1-6, the legend --Prior Art-- has been added. In Figure 7, the direction of the arrow between box 708 and 710 has been corrected.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In amended Figures 1-6, the legend -prior art- has been added.

Claims 1-7, 9-21, and 23-24 remain in this application. Claim 14 has been allowed. Claims 8 and 22 have been canceled and their limitations rolled into their base claims.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 8 and 22 are directed to allowable subject matter if the limitations of their base and intervening claims are included. Thus, since claim 8 depends on claim 1, its limitation has been rolled into claim 1. Thus, original claim 8 is now claim 1 and claim 8 is canceled. Similarly, claim 22 depends from claim 15 thus its limitation has been rolled into claim 15; thus, original claim 22 is now claim 15 and claim 22 is now canceled.

Thus, claims 1 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

I. Objections to Drawings

Applicant has added the legend -Prior Art- to Figures 1A, 1B, and 2-6 as required by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to Figures 1-6 be withdrawn.

In addition, Applicant has corrected the direction of the arrow in Figure 7 between box 708 and 710. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to Figure 7 be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claims 2-7, 9-13, 16-21, and 23-24

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7, 9-13, 16-21, and 23-24 being dependent upon respective allowable base claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons stated above.

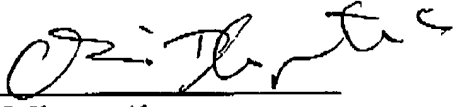
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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.


Respectfully submitted,

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